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Frank:

Would appreciate help on the following:

*Last Thursday before Newspaper Editors,
Laird said Soviets would be ahead of
U.S. in all areas (strategic offensive,
strategic defensive, and conventional forces)
by the 1973, '74, '75 time period if
they continue at present rate of build-up
and if we do not change our current
plans for that period.*

*He wants to spell this out in a
speech this week - so I need unclassified
comparisons in the three areas (strategic
offensive, strategic defensive and conventional
forces) for the mid-1970's time frame. wdb*

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